

Deer Aware



When are deer around?

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Seen one? Look for another

If a deer crosses in front of you, it is likely that another will follow. If it is safe to do so, slow right down or stop and wait. Deer are unpredictable, drive with caution.



Be aware

Deer often cross the roads in the same locations. Deer warning signs are put up where deer are known to cross regularly.

When you see a warning sign or are travelling through a heavily wooded stretch of road, slow down, stay alert and be prepared to stop.



What to do if you hit a deer

Call the emergency services on 999 if:

Anyone is seriously injured or there is a danger to others using the road e.g. a deer (alive or dead) is blocking the road or is a danger to the traffic.

Call the non-emergency line on 101 if:

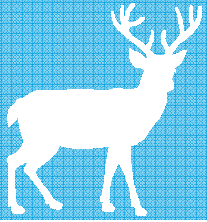
The deer is injured and on the side of the road not causing a danger to traffic. The police will deal with any traffic issues and have access to specialists who will know the best course of action to take if the deer is still alive.

What to say

Give as much detail as possible about your location, perhaps using an app such as what3words if you have it.

Give them your mobile number, if possible, so they can call you back.





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